

Qualities of the Ideal StudCo Member

Critical Thinking:

- Is able to identify nuances in a complex issue
- Is able to identify causes and effects in a complex issue
- Is able to understand feasibility of tackling certain issues; Is able to understand the “right” problems to address
- Is able to balance personal judgment and student input to make decisions

Problem Solving:

- Is able to ideate multiple solutions to a problem (does **not** get stuck in false dichotomies)
- Is able to weight the benefits and drawbacks of a solution
- Is able to make conclusions about a solution based on its benefits and drawbacks

Passion & Commitment:

- Is dedicated to embodying the vision of Student Council
- Is seeking a position on StudCo because they primarily want to help students (primary reason should **not** be college or name-recognition)
- Is willing to spend hours on StudCo work
- Is willing to spend time on StudCo work in unexpected scenarios

Communication Skills:

- Is able to communicate their ideas in a clear, coherent manner
- Is able to balance both listening to others and participating in conversation
- Is able to defend their ideas when they come under criticism **or** revise their opinions to incorporate others' ideas

- Is able to interact with other students & administrators in a friendly, engaging, and useful way

Professionalism & Authenticity:

- Is humble and respectful of others' opinions
- Is able to cite disagreement with others without disparaging people
- Is able to respond well to constructive feedback and criticism of their ideas
- Is self-reflective; Is able to understand their own weaknesses and strengths